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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

1. DOBRYNIN TRIED TO TELL US WE ALREADY HAVE APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY PLANS, CITING MAY 27 NOTE (PARA 7 MOSCOW 7399). HARTMAN INSISTED APPROVAL MUST BE UNCONDITIONAL AND IN WRITING. DOBRYNIN CLAIMED QUOTE ABSOLUTELY NO PROBLEM UNQUOTE RE COLOR OF BRICK, BUT SAID THE FIRE CONTROL SUGGESTIONS SHOULD BE GIVEN DUE WEIGHT AND DISCUSSED IN MOSCOW. HARTMAN HINTED NCPC SUBMISSION WOULD COME AFTER FORMAL APPROVAL OUR PLANS, BUT NOTED THIS DID NOT MEAN CONSTRUCTION COULD BEGIN AND REFERRED TO PRINCIPLE OF PARALLEL PROGRESS.

2. SEVENTH FLOOR VIEWS ARE NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR DESPITE POSITIVE DECISIONS ON ACTION MEMO WHICH I MENTIONED EARLIER. I ALSO HAVE QUALMS ABOUT STEP-BY-STEP, BUT IN VIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN RECIPROCITY -- REPORTED BY (AND EASILY STIRRED UP FURTHER BY) FBO -- WE DECIDED THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO THAT APPROACH. WE CONTINUE TO CONFIDENTIAL

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PUT PAPER UP POINTING OUT THE PITFALLS ON BOTH SIDES AND TRYING TO GET CLEARER READING. IF YOU HAVE VIEWS, NOW IS THE TIME.

3. DOBRYNIN ALSO RAISED NEW YORK PROPERTY QUESTION.

WE TOLD HIM WE WILL TOMORROW PROPOSE EXCHANGE OF NOTES WHICH CONDITION APPROVAL OF NEW YORK PROPERTY UPON THREE MILESTONES TO BE REACHED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN NEW YORK AND KIEV: ARRIVAL OF ADVANCE PARTIES, BEGINNING OF RECONFIGURATION (PRIOR TO WHICH OFFICES CANNOT BE USED) AND OFFICIAL OPENING.

4. OUR REFUSAL TO PERMIT THEM TO BUY NEW PARCEL AT PIONEER POINT WAS ALSO RAISED. HE CLAIMED PROPERTY THEY NOW WANT WAS PART OF PURCHASE APPROVED BY US IN 1971, BUT THEY DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH MONEY FOR WHOLE THING SO TOOK AN OPTION ON THIS PIECE. IN SEARCHING FILES, WE CAME UP WITH SCANLON LETTER APPROVING PURCHASE OF QUOTE PROPERTY KNOWN AS PIONEER POINT, UNQUOTE NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. FILE CLEARLY INDICATES WE DID NOT MEAN ALL 1600 ACRES, BUT DOES NOT CLEARLY INDICATE WHERE WE DREW THE LINE. ANY RECOLLECTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE WOULD BE HELPFUL.

5. DOBRYNIN MADE PITCH ON VISAS FOR DELEGATION TO CPUSA CONVENTION, REFERRING TO MFA NOTE 22654 DATED JUNE 6. WE DON'T FIND CABLE ON THIS GROUP. IN ANY CASE, POLICY HAD BEEN UNDER INTENSIVE REVIEW WITH INCLINATION TO STICK TO OLD POLICY OF REFUSING EVERYONE. IF YOU HAVE STRONG FEELINGS, CABLE EARLY TOMORROW COULD BE FED IN.

6. WE UNDERSTAND FROM PAUL COOK THAT DON GRAVES PLANS TO BE MARRIED IN NEW YORK ON JUNE 26 AND TO BE IN WASHINGTON FOR TWO WORKING DAYS, JUNE 30 AND JULY 1. WE ARE SENDING MISS SHELLY APPLICATION FORMS FOR HER SOVIET VISA AND DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT, AND ASKING HER TO COMPLETE THE VISA APPLICATION FORM IN HER MARRIED NAME AND RETURN IT TO US FOR FORWARDING TO THE SOVIET CONSULATE. HOWEVER, BEFORE A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT CAN BE ISSUED TO HER IN HER MARRIED NAME, DON MUST SUBMIT A REVISED DEPENDENCY REPORT. I SUGGEST HE COMPLETE THE FORM IN MOSCOW AND HANDCARRY IT TO ROLAND WILLIAMS, ROOM 22A11 IN PERSONNEL IN THE DEPARTMENT. DON WILL THEN RECEIVE A LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION TO CONFIDENTIAL

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ISSUE A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT TO HIS WIFE. MRS. GRAVES SHOULD THEN GO TO THE PASSPORT OFFICE, ROOM 358, 1425 K STREET, N.W., AND APPLY FOR HER NEW PASSPORT. WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT IT WILL BE ISSUED BY THE NEXT WORKING DAY. IN THE MEANTIME WE ARE FORWARDING THE PASSPORT APPLICATION TO MISS SHELLY, ASKING HER TO COMPLETE IT IN HER MARRIED NAME AND BRING IT WITH HER TO WASHINGTON. IF DON HAS ANY PROBLEM WITH ALL THIS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. KISSINGER

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